COPY

219 Federal Bldg.,

Seattle, Wash.

February 3rd, 1912.

Hon. R. A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear sir:-

On examining the affidavits in the case of application for patent by the Haines Mission, I find that there was a school conducted in the Mission building at the time of the passage of the Act of June 6, 1900, under which title is sought. I was under the impression that this school was conducted by the Mission, and at its expense, at this time. But in reading the affidavits, it appears that though the school was conducted in the Mission building, it was in realty a United States school, or that the teachers were paid by the Government.

It is probabe that the records of the Mission would give full and correct information on this point, and I will be glad if you will take the trouble to ascertain it for me. Report will be withheld until I hear from you.

Very truly,

W. J. Lewis,

Special Agent, G. L. O.

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Feby 19th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
56 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter just received from the Special Agent of the General Land Office, who has been in charge of the investigation of the matter of the Patent for the Haines Mission.

If you have any data in your office which will enable you to make an affidavit as to when and by whom the school was conducted in the Mission Building at the time of the passage of the Act under which application was made for this ground, that is, in the month of June, 1900 and particularly on the 6th of June, I would like you to make up the affidavit and send it to me as soon as possible in order that I may file it with the Special Agent.

Yours truly,

Royal A. Gunnison

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March 5th, 1912.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear sir:-

We have received the Patent to the Sitka Mission site. Tract A being 12/100 of an acre. This is the site of the church in town. 352-85/100 acres in Tract B. Shall I forward the plat to Sitka for recording?

Yours truly,

Royal A. Gunnison

RAG/BFL

March 6th,1912.

Rev. W. W. Warne,

Norwich, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Warne:-

We have been requested by our representative in Alaska, who is looking after the securing of patents to the mission lands occupied by the Board in that locality, to state specifically whether the Board occupied the Haines mission school building for school work in the year 1900. Our records, of course, show that no one was commissioned by the Board to carry on school work at Haines either in 1900 or for several years subsequent thereto.

You were representing the Board in that year at Haines and therefore, may be able to advise me definitely whether the work carried on by you included any school work, and whether the school building was used in any way in behalf of the Board. A statement just received from the Special Agent of the General Land Office states that the mission school building was occupied, and the teacher paid by the U. S. government. Can you give me definite information as to this?

I will be glad to hear from you at your early convenience, as we have been requested to make this point very clear in connection with our application for patent, and our legal representative in this matter asks that we reply to his inquiry at the earliest moment possible.

Yours sincerely,

B/H Treasurer.

March 6th,1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your letter of the 19th ult., with which you enclosed copy of a letter addressed to you under date of the 3rd ult. by W. J. Lewis, Special Agent of the General Land Office, regarding the occupancy of the Haines Mission school building by this Board in June 1900 in connection with the application for patent.

Our records clearly show that this Board conducted no school work as such either during the month of June 1900 or during that year, so that we are unable to furnish you with the affidavit requested.

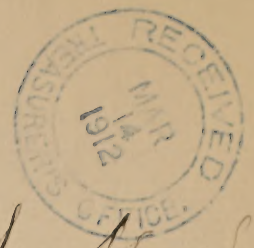
I do not have before me at this writing a copy of the application of the Board for this patent, and therefore, do not know whether the affidavit made by this Board stated that we had carried on mission school work at Haines during that year. As a matter of fact, we conducted no school work at the Haines Mission for several years subsequent to 1900.

The Board, however, carried on mission work during the above year under the Rev. Wm. W. Warne. We have by this mail written to Mr. Warne, requesting him to furnish us as promptly as possible with the facts, and as soon as we receive his reply, we will transmit to you the information he furnishes.

Yoursvery truly,

B/H

Treasurer.



Jamestown N. Dak. March 10 1912
312 Milton Ave. N.

H. C. Cline Treas.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6th addressed to me at Norwich N. Dak. just at hand.

Replying to your question whether Haines Mission Alaska school building was used during 1900 I answer yes. I recently made a long answer to the above question addressed to me by H. J. Lewis, Special Agt. of the U.S. General Land Office 219 Federal Bld. Seattle Wash. I do not know that there is any need for me to repeat the same but if you desire it I will rewrite the same as nearly as I can recall it.

With my family I occupied the mansion the garden was fenced and cultivated, the pasture used by my own cattle and Mission horse, the school building was used for

Govt. school up about June 1st 1900
as for the last nine years I also occupied
it every Sabbath day for S.S. and regular
eve. preaching and every Wed. eve. for
prayer meeting. U.S. Commissioner's Court was also held there as well
as a session of U.S. Circuit Court. The
building was also in almost constant
use for guests - sickness etc.

Any further information will
be gladly given, under oath if you wish
if you will kindly specify just what you
wish to know but I think my answer
to Mr Lewis covers the ground very fully.

Yours sincerely

W. H. Harris.

March 14th, 1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Since writing you my letter of the 6th instant, I have consulted our duplicate copy of the application for patent to the 266.54 acres of Mission ground at Haines, and find that under item 2, it was stated,

> "that since the year 1881, the said Board of Home "Missions has continuously occupied and used the "said tract for missionary purposes, and during a "part of that time conducted a school for secular "instruction, and at all times from the year 1880 "to this time, continuously maintained on said "ground general missionary work and church services "by and through its agents and missionaries, for "the benefit and religious instructions of the native "indians at Haines."

This would seem to fully cover the point made in your letter of the 19th ult., in which you raised the question whether we could make an affadavit as to when and by whom the school was conducted in the mission building at the time of the pas age of the Act, under which application was made for that property.

The foregoing in connection with my letter will give you all the information that we can. It is evident that at the time the application for patent was made, we carefully looked into this matter and ascertained that for a goodly portion of the time since 1881, the Board has not conducted school work at the Haines Mission, and especially during and subsequent to the year 1900.

Yours very truly,

B.H Treasurer.

March 15th, 1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Since writing the enclosed letter, we have received a reply from Rev. W. W. Warne to our letter addressed to him concerning the Haines Mission situation, which letter from this office I referred to in my last letter to you. I enclose a copy of Mr. Warne's letter.

Your attention is called to the fact that Mr. Warne states he recently wrote a long letter concerning this matter to Mr. W. J. Lewis, Special Agent of the General Land Office.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

(Enclosure)

March 15th, 1912.

Rev. W. W. Warne,

312 Milton Avenue, N.

Jamestown, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Warne:-

Let me thank you for your letter of the 11th instant, a copy of which I have sent to Judge Gunnison of Juneau, who is representing the Board in connection with the application for patents. This will furnish him with the information that he desires, and show that Mr. Lewis, the Special Agent of the General Land Office who instituted the inquiry which caused Judge Gunnison to write us, has requisite information from you/

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

B/H

March 18th, 1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant. If you will be kind enough to have the patent to the Sitka Mission site, which you have just received, duly recorded, we will be glad to have you so arrange the matter, and to receive from you a bill for the fee.

If you happen to have a copy of the description contained in the patent, I will be very glad to receive same, in order that we may record it in our property book.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

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ROYAL A. GUNNISON
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 27th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
The Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Haines Mission Site.

My dear sir:-

Your letters of March 14th and 15th with the enclosed copy of letter from Rev. Mr. Warren came to hand yesterday.

The Special Agent of the Government arrived here on the boat preceeding the one which brought these letters, and I had a talk with him with reference to the application for the Haines Mission Tract. He tells me that after having gone over the matter carefully he was satisfied that the Board should have the property which they claimed and he had made his report to conform with that opinion. He tells me that the matter is in as good a situation as it can be. His report has gone on to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington. It might be well for you to inquire there with reference to it and if anything is necessary to be done to make the Commissioner see the matter as we do you are where you can handle that end of the matter. I do not apprehend that there will be any difficulty with this matter and expect that within a short time we shall have a patent. This has been a long and tedious matter but I hope that the delays are about over.

Very truly yours,

Royal A. Gunnison

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 27th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
The Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Sitka Mission Site.

My dear sir:-

I have your letter of March 18th with reference to the above matter and note your instructions with reference to filing the same for record. I am sending the Patent to Sitka for record by this mail and immediately it is returned will forward it to you.

I think that I have heretofore written you that I have received the duplicate certificate in the matter of the Howkan and Wrangell patents.

Very truly yours,

Royal A. Gunnison

RAG/BFB

P.S. Inclose copy of patent to Sitka site for your information

Copy of patent filed in Mr. Olin's safe. E.M.S.

May 23rd, 1912.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 13th inst., with enclosures covering a warranty deed to the old Mission and Church property, a quit claim deed to the Mission on the beach, and a bill of sale for the furniture, etc., in these various houses, together with a copy of your letter to Mr. Stanley, President of the Friends University at Wichita, Kas., is at hand today. We have not as yet heard from Mr. Jones announcing a final closing up of the negotiations relating to these properties, but doubtless will hear from him within a day or two. The deeds seem to be in order and cover the case very thoroughly. We thank you for them.

May I inquire what progress is being made in the matter of the three remaining patents coming to this Board, namely those covering the property at Haines, Wrangell and Howkan? In this connection, may I ask whether the original of the patent to the Sitka property has as yet been recorded, and if so, may we have it for our files? You will remember that we have a copy thereof, kindly furnished by yourself.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)H. C. Olin

Treasurer.

O/S

STATEMENT

JUNEAU, ALASKA June 30, 1912

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN ACCOUNT WITH

ROYAL A. GUNNISON

ATTORNEY

1912

1911	
Decr 11, To fees for recording Hoonah Patent,	$1.50
1912	
April 25, To fees for recording Sitka Patent,	2.50
May 7, To consultation with Rev. L. F. Jones, in re transfer of Friends property, Douglas,	5.00
8, To examination of record in re same,	5.00
June 30, To final fee in obtaining patent to Sitka Mission site,	$100.00
	$114.00

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 31st, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear sir:-

Your letter of May 23rd with reference to the various properties of the Board in Southeastern Alaska came to our office during my absence.

Referring to the matter of the deed and bill of sale to the Friends Mission, I beg to say, that I understood the matter to have been closed when those papers were drawn, excepting only the execution of the papers. When they have been executed and turned over to you I would suggest that you send them to me for filing here.

Regarding the matter of the Haines Mission, I beg to say, that I have looked into the matter and find that the Special Examiner of the Land Office, who is investigating this application, made a report some months ago to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and that we can do nothing more here. I would suggest that the matter be taken up through whatever channels you have at Washington in order to secure action on it with the Commissioner. I understand indirectly that one of the reasons for the delay in the issuance of patent here is the fact that the promoters of the proposed railroad from Haines to the Interior are taking an active part in opposition to it. However, I doubt if that will prevent the issuance of the patent, but it is well

to look after it in Washington.

Regarding the patent to the Wrangell ~~town~~mission site, I beg to say, that the Register of the Juneau Land Office issued a duplicate certificate for this tract on February 28th, 1912. The patent has not yet been issued but I assume that it will be issued soon. That might be investigated in Washington by your representative.

Regarding the Howkan patent, the situation is the same as that of the Wrangell patent. Duplicate Register's certificate having been issued on the 28th of February, 1912.

Regarding the Sitka patent, I beg to say, that I forwarded the patent to the Commissioner, R. W. De Armund, for record on the 28th of March last. It has not yet been returned to me and I have written him with reference to it asking him to return the patent as soon as recorded. He has had ample time, of course, to do this, but I assume that like many office where there is not much to do matters are postponed from time to time. As soon as this patent is returned to me I will forward it to you.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Ragatt Gunnison

RAG/BFB

August 16th, 1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your favor of the 5th instant with which you enclosed patent to the Sitka property, which we are very glad indeed to receive.

Pat. Off. for Patent Delegate

Let me take this occasion to acknowledge a little tardily perhaps, your letter of the 31st ult., in reply to my letter of May 23rd last. I will as you suggest, communicate with the authorities in Washington regarding the patents to the Haines, Wrangell and Howkan Mission sites.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

August 20th, 1912.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your statement dated June 30th, received a few days ago covering amounts expended by you, and for your final fee in connection with the patents which you have been aiding us to secure, I now take pleasure in enclosing herewith check to your order for $114.00 to cover said bill.

As stated in the previous letter sent you, we have taken up the matter of the Haines, Howkan and Wrangell applications for patents with the authorities at Washington, and hope that we will be able to obtain the patents through correspondence from this office.

Appreciating your valued services in these matters, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

(Enclosure)

August 21st, 1912.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have been informed by our representative at Juneau, Alaska, that the Special Examiner of the Land Office, who investigated the application of this Board for a patent to the Presbyterian Mission Land at Haines, Alaska, made report some months ago to your office.

Will you kindly inform me of the present status of our application in this matter, and how soon we may expect the desired patent?

Respectfully yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

C O P Y

August 21st, 1912.

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have been informed by our representative at Juneau, Alaska, that the Special Examiner of the Land Office, who investigated the application of this Board for a patent to the Presbyterian Mission Land at Haines, Alaska, made report some months ago to your office.

Will you kindly inform me of the present status of our application in this matter, and how soon we may expect the desired patent?

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) H. C. Olin,
VB
Treasurer.

B/H

August 22nd, 1912.

In re patent
to Mission Lands
Howkan, Alaska.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

(Through the Commissioner of the
General Land Office),

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We are advised that the Register of the Juneau (Alaska) Land Office issued a duplicate certificate on February 28th, 1912, to the tract of land for which this Board made application for patent.

May I ask you to inform me as to how soon we may expect the patent?

Respectfully yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

August 22nd, 1912.

In re patent
to Mission Lands
Wrangell, Alaska.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

(Through the Commissioner of the
General Land Office),

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We are advised that the Register of the Juneau (Alaska) Land Office issued a duplicate certificate on February 28th, 1912 to the tract of land for which this Board made application for patent.

May I ask you to inform me as to how soon we may expect the patent?

Respectfully yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1912.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

Sir:

In response to your letter of August 22, 1912, you are advised that entry, Juneau 01317, issued to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", for its mission site at Wrangle, Alaska, containing about 7,72 acres, is now under consideration.

Very respectfully,

First Assistant Secretary.

3489.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

SEP 3 1912

August 31, 1912.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

Sir:-

In response to your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that on August 26, 1912, entry, Juneau 01316, issued to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", for its mission site at Howkan, Alaska, containing 3.81 acres, was approved for patenting and the patent will be issued in a short time.

Very respectfully,

Samuel Adams

First Assistant Secretary.

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ☞ 12-260033 (T.S.2-160) "K" D.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1912.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Haines Presbyterian Mission Site, : Status.
Alaska. :

H. C. Olin,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your letter of August 21, 1912, relative to the status of the Haines Presbyterian Mission Site, Alaska, Juneau 01315, you are advised that on August 12, 1912, the entry covering said mission site was approved for patenting.

Very respectfully,

John MacLeod
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

9-4 ELT

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ☞ Juneau 01317 "K" D.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1912.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Wrangell Presbyterian Mission Site, :
Alaska. : Status.

H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In further response to your letter of August 22, 1912, relative to the status of the Wrangell Presbyterian Mission Site, Alaska, you are advised that the entry for said mission site purports to entitle the board of home missions of said church to a patent for the land "as described in the survey made by Charles S. Hubbell on December 15 to December 17, 1905, and approved by the Surveyor General on January 27, 1909."

The mission site is included within the townsite of Wrangell, surveyed in July, 1897, and December, 1898, and approved by the Surveyor General on May 10, 1900, and by the Commissioner of this office on December 13, 1900. This survey gives the exterior lines of said townsite by meets and bounds, and certain reservations, one of which was said mission site, were surveyed at the same time and the courses and distances of the boundaries of

each were given. June 13, 1906, the townsite was patented to the trustee, and the mission site was excluded from the patent according to the description by metes and bounds as found in said townsite survey.

The separate survey of the mission site differs in several respects from that shown upon the plat approved in 1900, and if a patent should issue in accordance with the later plat there would be a deficiency in some instances and an overlapping in others of the patent to said mission and the one issued for the townsite. The survey of the mission site, made at the time of the townsite survey, therefore, appears to have been a sufficient survey for the mission's reserve without again making another survey. No portion of the land embraced in the townsite patent can now properly be patented to the mission society.

You are, therefore, hereby notified to show cause, within thirty days from receipt of this notice, why the entry should not be changed so as to refer for a description of the mission site to the tract as shown on the plat approved in 1900, failing in which, or to appeal herefrom, the entry for said mission site, Juneau 01317, will be so amended and patent issued in accordance with the description given in said plat of 1900.

Very respectfully,

Board of Law Review,
By [illegible]

John McPhaul
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

9-4 ELT

September 7th, 1912.

Hon. John McPhaul,

Acting Assistant Commissioner,

Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Your favor of the 5th inst., bringing the welcome intelligence that on August 12th an entry covering our Haines Presbyterian Mission site in Alaska was approved for patenting, is at hand.

I beg now to inquire as to what period of time will be required for the issuance of a patent?

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

September 11th,1912.

In re Juneau 01317 "K" D. W.

Commissioner of General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In acknowledgement of your letter of the 6th instant signed by the Acting Assistant Commissioner in re the Wrangell Presbyterian Mission site, Alaska, I have to say the data which you furnish us with is so meagre as to the difference between the two surveys referred to therein that we will be unable within the thirty days named in your letter to intelligently consider the question as to whether the entry "as described in the survey made by Charles S. Hubbell on December 15th to December 17th, 1905 and approved by the Surveyor General on January 27th, 1909" should not be changed so as to refer for a description of the mission site to the tract as shown on the plat approved in 1900. We have no data on our records as to the latter and therefore, are not in a position to come to a conclusion as to whether the Board desires to reject or accept the latter plat within the time specified. We need further information regarding the difference in the acreage of the two surveys if any, and also, the difference in location.

By referring to your records in this matter, you will find on file the letter addressed to your office by the Register of the U. S. Land Office at Juneau, Alaska, dated February 23rd, 1910, in which it is stated that there is on file in said Register's office, bearing the file statement of May 11th, 1903, an application for survey and plat for the Presbyterian Mission site at Wrangell. This would seem to indicate that at that time no one connected with this Board, nor with the Juneau Land Office were aware of the fact as stated in your letter of the 6th instant that "the Mission site is included within the townsite of Wrangell surveyed in July 1897 and December 1898 and approved by the Surveyor General on May 10th 1900, and by the Commissioner of this office on December 15th,1900."

I would therefore ask that you annul the thirty days notice and that we be given time to communicate with our representative at Wrangell to ascertain the facts. In the meantime, we would appreciate such information as you can give regarding wherein the difference lies between the site selected and described in our application and the site as shown on the plat approved in 1900.

We will appreciate whatever information you can give along this line to the end that this matter may be adjusted at as early a date as possible.

Respectfully yours,

B.H

Treasurer.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ☞ Juneau 01315 "K" E.L.T.

ELT

SEP 17 1912

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1912.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Haines Presbyterian Mission Site, Alaska. : Relative to patent.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 7, 1912, you are advised that patent for the Haines Presbyterian Mission site, Alaska, will be issued in about ten days and transmitted to the local officers at Juneau for delivery, on surrender of the duplicate certificate.

Very respectfully,

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

9-13 ELT

September 17th, 1912.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Judge Gunnison:-

We are this morning in receipt of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of the Department of the Interior, a copy of which is given you below:

> "In response to your letter of September 7, 1912, you are advised that patent for the Haines Presbyterian Mission site, Alaska, will be issued in about ten days and transmitted to the local officers at Juneau for delivery, on surrender of the duplicate certificate."

May we ask that you will kindly secure from the officers at Juneau this patent when it is in their hands, and see that it is recorded and forwarded here at as early a date as is possible.

The duplicate certificate referred to we do not find in our files, and are of the opinion that the same is in your possession. If so, will you be good enough to send it to Mr. John McPhaul, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., noting that the same is sent as requested in his letter, Juneau 01315 "K" E.L.T.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ☞ Juneau 01317 "K" D.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 1912.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Wrangell Presbyterian :
Mission Site, Alaska. : Conflicting descriptions.

H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 11, 1912, you are advised that, in accordance with your request for an extension of time in which to reply to the order to show cause contained in my letter of September 6, 1912, you are hereby allowed sixty days from this date in which to reply to said order.

The description of the mission claim, as shown in the townsite survey approved in 1900, is as follows:

Beginning at corner No. 1 (the southwest corner of the mission site), running thence N. 24° 30' E., 6.09 chs.; thence S. 67° E., 1.212 chs.; thence N. 22° E., 1.515 chs.; thence S. 67° 30' E., 10.38 chs.; thence S. 22° 30' W., 4.561 chs.; thence N. 65° W., 3.165 chs.; thence S. 22° 30' W., 3.165 chs.; thence S. 86° 19' W., 0.824 chs.; thence N. 63° 30' W., 3.939 chs.; thence N. 66° 15' W., 3.967 chs., to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 7.81 acres.

Juneau 01317

The description of the mission site as surveyed by Hubbell and approved January 27, 1909, is as follows:

Beginning at corner No. 1 (the southwest corner of the mission site), running thence N. 25° 07' E., 6.10 chs.; thence S. 65° 52' E., 1.21 chs.; thence N. 24° 24' E., 1.49 chs.; thence S. 67° 17' E., 10.35 chs.; thence S. 22° 56' W., 4.60 chs.; thence N. 64° 30' W., 3.16 chs.; thence S. 23° 10' W., 3.16 chs.; thence N. 66° 51' W., 8.66 chs., to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 7.72 acres.

Very respectfully,

John McChesney

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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C O P Y

Washington, D. C.

September 19th, 1912.

Wrangell Presbyterian :
Mission site, Alaska. : Conflicting descriptions.

H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In response to your letter of September 11, 1912, you are advised that, in accordance with your request for an extension of time in which to reply to the order to show cause contained in my letter of September 6, 1912, you are hereby allowed sixty days from this date in which to reply to said order.

The description of the mission claim as shown in the townsite survey approved in 1900, is as follows:

Beginning at corner No. 1 (the southwest corner of the mission site), running thence N. 24 degrees 30' E., 6.09 chs.; thence E. 67 degrees e., 1.212 chs.; thence N. 22 degrees E., 1.515 chs.; thence S. 67 degrees 30' E., 10.38 chs.; thence S. 22 degrees 30' W., 4.561 chs.; thence N. 65 degrees W., 3.165 chs.; thence S. 22 degrees 30' W., 3:165 chs.; thence S. 86 degrees 19' W., 0.824 chs.; thence N. 63 degrees 30' W., 3.939 chs.; thence N. 66 degrees 15' W., 3:967 chs., to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 7.81 acres.

The description of the mission site as surveyed by Hubbell and approved January 27, 1909, is as follows:

Beginning at corner No. 1 (the southwest corner of the mission site), running thence N. 25 degrees 07' E., 6.10 chs.; thence S. 65 degrees 52' E., 1.21 chs.; thence N. 24 degrees 24' E., 1.49 chs.; thence S. 67 degrees 17' E., 10.35 chs.; thence S. 22 degrees 56' W., 4.60 chs.; thence N. 64 degrees 30' W., 3.16 chs.; thence S. 23 degrees 10' W., 3.16 chs.; thence N. 66 degrees 51' W., 8.66 chs.; to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 7.72 acres.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)John McPhaul

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

9-17 ELT

September 23rd, 1912.

In re Juneau, 01317, "K" D.W.
Wrangell Presbyterian
Mission Site, Alaska.

Commissioner of General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your letter of the 19th instant I beg to say that the information given therein fully explains the situation and we are thereby enabled to return a prompt reply to the original notice given concerning the difference in the description contained in the two separate surveys to the Presbyterian Mission Site at Wrangell, without taking advantage of the sixty days allowed in which to reply to the order to show cause why the entry should not be changed in harmony with the tract as shown on the plat approved in 1900.

The Board of Home Missions hereby agrees to accept a patent to the mission claim as shown in town site survey approved in 1900 which contains 7.81 acres as fully described in your letter above referred to.

We will be glad to receive as soon as conveniently possible the patent to the above site.

Respectfully yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

September 23rd, 1912.

In re Juneau,
Wrangell Presbyterian
Mission Site, Alaska.

Rev. J. S. Clark,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Clark:-

In making application to the Commissioner of General Land Office at Washington, D.C., for the Presbyterian Mission site at Wrangell, we find that there are conflicting descriptions of the site as contained in the two surveys made, one by Hubbell approved January 27th, 1909 and the other as shown in town site survey approved in 1900; the former contains 7.72 acres and the latter 7.81 acres. That you may be fully informed as to the two surveys, I enclose copy of a diagram furnished by the General Land Office. We were notified to show cause within thirty days, subsequently increased to sixty days, why the entry should not be changed so as to refer for a description of the Mission site to the tract as shown on the plat approved in 1900.

We have this day notified the Washington authorities that the Board accepts the claim as shown in the 1900 survey which contains 7.81 acres. Will you make note of this fact on such records as you may have concerning the Wrangell property?

We have applied for a patent to the last named acreage and hope within a short time to receive the patent therefor.

As the description in the two surveys varied so slightly we have assumed that the metes and bounds described on the survey accepted by the Board do not interfere in any way with any building or buildings. Should there be any reason why the acceptance of the Board to the 7.81 acres should be annuled, please let me know.

For your further information I enclose a copy of the letter received from the Commissioner of General Land Office which will explain the matter in full in connection with the enclosed rough drawings of the two surveys.

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

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(Enclosures)

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept. 30th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Haines Mission Patent.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

Your letter of Sept. 17th came to hand on the 25th and I note what you say. We have the duplicate certificate here in our office. The practice in these matters is to surrender the certificate to the local Officers of the Juneau Land Office when they are ready to deliver the patent and I take it from the excerpt of the letter from the acting Commissioner, quoted in yours of the 17th, that is what is meant under that, that the certificates should be sent to him. As soon as the patent is received here it will taken up.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Royal Gunnison

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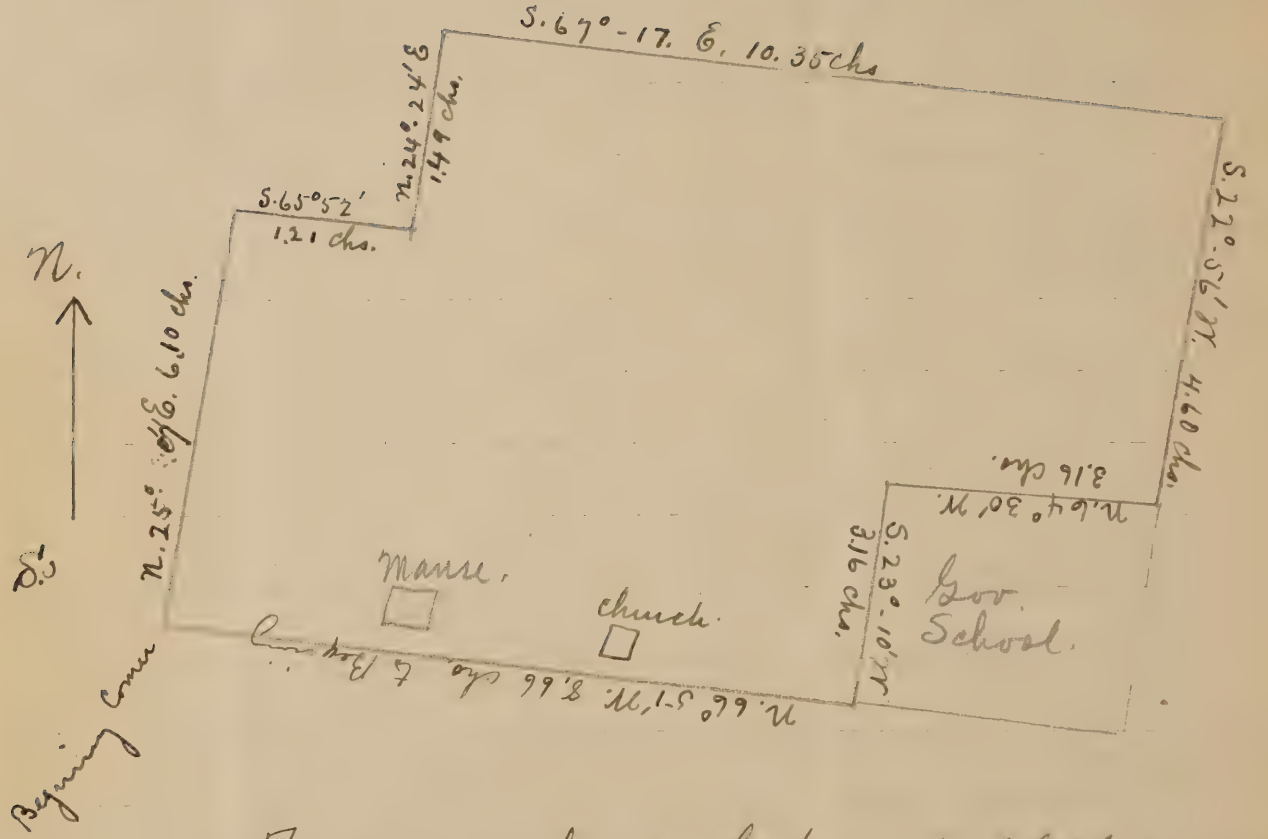
Wrangell, Alaska.
Oct 7th 1912.

Dear Mr. Chis

I received your letter with enclosures about the survey of the Mission property, and I herewith send you a diagram, showing the location of buildings on the same. No buildings will be interfered with in the survey of 1900 adopted by the Board. Mr. Hubbell moved, straightened the line in front of the church and Mission to conform to the street and it helps the property as it is, but your adoption of the survey of 1900 will not interfere with the street as it is now built. It is improving in value all the time. There is a large cold storage plant being built now on front street within 125 yds of this property, and a new cannery has been erected in the town.

Yours sincerely.

J. S Clark.



This is as it should be from Hubbells survey - In front of the church I had thought there was a corner but I find from his notes you sent me that there is no corner. The street extends along the S. W. side from the beginning corner to and beyond the corner at the school house lot. and the street is a straight line - Mr. Warren checked up Hubbell's survey and said it was all correct. The difference in degrees is owing to the variation I suppose.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ☞ Juneau 01317 "K" D.W.

D.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1912.

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Wrangell Presbyterian : Requiring further proof.
Mission Site, Alaska. :

H. C. Olin,
Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 23, in response to my letter of September 19, 1912, in which you state that

> The Board of Home Missions hereby agrees to accept a patent to the mission claim as shown in townsite survey approved in 1900, which contains 7.81 acres, as fully described in your letter above referred to.

You fail to furnish any resolution or other authority by the board of which you are treasurer agreeing to accept such patent.

You are, therefore, hereby allowed thirty days from receipt of this letter in which to furnish such proof, under the seal of the association, failing in which, or to appeal herefrom, patent will issue to the mission site according to the description in the survey of Wrangell townsite approved in 1900.

Very respectfully,

John McChord
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Oct. 11th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Howkan Mission
Reserve No.61316.

Dear sir:-

On Tuesday last I received from the Register and Receiver of the Land Office the Patent to the Presbyterian Mission Reserve in the Village of Howkan.

I am to-day mailing it to the United States Commissioner at Wrangell for record and when recorded and returned to me I will forward it to you.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Royal A. Gunnison

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Oct. 11th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Haines Mission.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the Land Office today delivered to me the Patent to 266.54 acres of land for the Presbyterian Mission Reserve at Haines, Alaska.

I am mailing that Patent to the Recorder at Skagway to be recorded and will have it returned to me in a few days. As soon as it is returned I will forward it to you.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Royal A. Gunnison

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October 14th, 1912.

The Register,

United States Land Office,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:-

Under date of September 16th, 1912, the Acting Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, D.C., advised this office "that patent for the Haines Presbyterian Mission site, Alaska will be issued in about ten days and transmitted to the local officers at Juneau for delivery on surrender of the duplicate certificate."

I immediately wrote to Hon. Royal A. Gunnison of Juneau, furnishing him with a copy of the above quotation and am in receipt of information that the duplicate certificate is held in the office of Judge Gunnison at Juneau and that as soon as the patent is received by you, it will be taken up.

I write now to furnish you with this information in order that there may be no unnecessary delay in the delivery of the patent, and therefore, would respectfully request, unless you have already done so, that you communicate with Judge Gunnison when the patent from Washington reaches you.

Respectfully yours,

B/H Treasurer.

October 14th,1912.

Hon. Royyl A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Judge Gunnison:-

I enclose copy of a letter I am forwarding this day to the Register of the United States Land Office at Juneau which speaks for itself, and as a sufficient reply to your letter of the 30th ult., recently to hand.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

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(Enclosure)

October 21st, 1912.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

I have your two letters of the 11th instant, the one reporting the receipt from the Register of the Land Office of patent to the Presbyterian Mission Reserve at Howkan and of the patent to the Presbyterian Mission land at Haines.

I note that these two documents have been forwarded to Wrangell and Skagway respectively for recording and that when returned to you, they will be forwarded to me, for all of which please accept our appreciative thanks.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Oct. 23rd, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Haines Mission
Reserve Patent.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

Your letter of Oct. 15th with enclosed copy of a letter directed to the Register of the Land Office at Juneau came to hand this morning.

In as much as we have already received the Patent, surrendered the certificate, had the patent recorded and forwarded it to you, I assume that there is nothing more to be done with reference to it.

Very truly yours,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Loyall Gunnison

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dec. 12th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 5th Ave.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

I enclose herewith the original patent from the United States to the Board for the Presbyterian Mission Reserve in the Village of Howkan, Alaska. This contains 3.81 acres.

The patent was recorded in Book "E" of Deeds at page 83 Records of the Ketchikina Recording Office, on Oct. 21st, 1912.

Please acknowledge receipt of this and oblige,

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

Per Royall Gunnison

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Enc.

January 2nd, 1913.

Messrs. Gunnison and Marshall,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:-

This will acknowledge your favor of the 12th ult., with which you enclosed U. S. Patent Juneau 01316, conveying to the Board 3.81 acres for the Presbyterian Mission Reserve in the Village of Howkan, Alaska, the same having been duly recorded in the proper office of the Ketchikan Recording District #8, for which I heartily thank you.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

February 13th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith this Board's check for $259.40 to cover your bill of December 31st for legal services in securing patents to our property at Haines and Howkan, and for other sundry legal items.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

D. M. B.

W. C. T. U. CONFERENCE

REPORT ON WORK AT HAINES.

The evangelistic and hospital work I found to be so interwoven at Haines that it seems necessary to deal with both phases.

The hospital at Haines, which is the building in which the Woman's Board is most vitally interested, I found to be in splendid condition. I do not see how an old school building could have been better handled in its reconstruction as a hospital, than this. Mr. McLean has certainly shown good sense and business judgment in his oversight; and, in addition to this, he and Mr. Falconer did an immense amount of labor with their own hands,- high class labor which it would have been very difficult to have secured locally. The equipment of the hospital seemed quite adequate to the demands made upon it, and I should judge that very little in the way of repairs would be needed for some time.

The manse at Haines, on the contrary, is in very bad condition. It was built a great many years ago, by some ship carpenters, under the direction of Dr. Jackson, and they certainly did some queer construction work. At the present time the foundation of the house has rotted and settled to such an extend that no doors, windows or floors in the entire building are plumb. In the room which I occupied the legs of the bed toward the middle of the room had to be blocked up an inch and a half to get the bed anywhere near level. On account of the poor foundation, also, the house is quite unstable. I happened to be there during

one or two high winds, and noted rather uneasily the shaky condition of the building.

The church building I found to be in very good repair and, like the hospital building, a credit to the mission.

The work in the hospital I found to be in very bad shape, due to the fact that Dr. Shadd, the resident physician, was a steady drinker, openingly using the saloons as his base of operation. He had little standing with any one in town, even among the white people, although he had flagrantly neglected the natives in order to get the business of the whites, which netted him fifty per cent. of the total amount he collected from them. After he married Mrs. Shadd, who was a nurse in the hospital, he did all in his power to keep the natives away from the hospital, in order that she might not have to come in contact with them.

It seems to me that the next doctor sent to Haines should be reasonably compensated, and all the receipts from such practice as he may build up among the white people turned over to this Board. The white population in Haines and elsewhere in Alaska, have as little as possible to do with the people who come in direct contact with the natives, and it can readily be seen that if any physician of ours builds up a practice in Haines among the white population, he must do it to the hurt of the natives. It can also be readily seen that if he is allowed to keep all or any part of the fees received from the white people/ in addition to the salary we pay him, unless he

is a most unusual man he is going to do his best to get all the white practice that he can.

As Mr. McLean has charge of the hospital some report of his work would seem also to be in order. As ~~above~~ before stated, the work he did for the hospital cannot be too highly spoken of, and in addition to his evangelical work he is giving a good portion of his time, working even long after night fall, to advance the interests of the hispital. With a proper physician in charge, and a Christian woman as a nurse, I think his co-operation would be valuable, as I found that he more than any one else in Alaska, save perhaps Mr. Falconer, was giving entire satisfaction to the native people. At the public meeting held by the natives, at which I was the only white person present, not one word in disparagement of Mr. McLean was spoken, but, on the contrary many expressions of a kindly nature were voiced.

The work of the hospital cannot be estimated by the number of patients cared for in the building. In fact, for every patient admitted to the hospital there are practically twenty who seek dispensary aid and the advice of the doctor.

Haines is a very rough town, both as regards its white and its native population, but I found excellent church attendance, the native congregation averaging on Sundays about 50 while the native Sabbath school averaged 55. The white congregations were small but the white Sabbath school averaged

40. As the white children of school age in Haines number only about 60, it would seem that the Sabbath school is doing fairly well.

I went over the property a number of times and surveyed it very carefully. Should Haines in the near future develop to any great extent our property would be very valuable. Nearly all the rest of the property in town is in litigation, and our property runs for over a mile along the main street. A number of persons even now are anxious to purchase along our side of the street at good figures, largely by way of speculation and with the hope that a railroad to the Rainy River country may eventually start from Haines. As the Guggenheims, who have pretty nearly everything worth while in Alaska very carefully tied up, are opposed to this railroad, now wishing to open up the Rainy River mines, the chances are that it will not go through, and even should it go through it would not run within several hundred feet of any of our present buildings or the main street of the town, so that if desired, the property on the main street could be disposed of at any time without jeopardizing the possibility of our finally selling to the railroad.

I found the native cottages very irregularly spread over our land, occupying some of the best sites in the village. Most of them are anything but a credit to the mission property, and really the most that could be said in their favor is that they have not been allowed to build communal houses, one family

only living in each of the houses on our land. I found also a number of white squatters, none of whom should be allowed to remain. In order that you may know just what sort of people are occupying the property I am appending to this report a list of the persons, natives and whites, now on our land.

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I found that irresponsible natives are cutting our timber and selling it to the whites - saloon keepers, etc. - in spite of the fact that they have been forbidden to cut timber on our land; and this was making trouble with our own native people who were asking permission to cut fire wood for themselves and being refused the privilege. They, of course, could not understand why "bad" Indians were cutting all the fire wood they wanted near at hand, while they had to go many miles up the mountain to cut theirs. We have timber enough on the mission property to supply us with fire wood for fifty or sixty years, and in view of the fact that most of the best timber was being stolen (I saw fine trees, often 36 in. at the butt, felled and only partly cut up for fire wood) I would suggest that the offers made by several parties in Haines, of $1.00 per pile for piling timber be accepted. Specifically, I would suggest that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company be allowed to cut the 50 or 60 piles they are needing at the present time, and that say not to exceed 300 piles at $1.00 each be sold to other parties who wish to get them out. This will bring us some returns, and will for a while keep some one in the timber who will watch it, and it will in no way cut into our fuel sup-

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ply.

I would make a suggestion also concerning a different disposal of the natives who have built their homes on our land. Instead of having them straggling all over the property I would suggest that Sixth Avenue be continued through our property, and that the natives' homes all be removed to that Avenue, and placed in orderly fashion. This will give us about four square blocks of very valuable frontage on the main street of the town. Unless we are to sell these lots - the sale of which would in no way interfere with the mission property as it now stands - this would, of course, not be necessary. In fact, we could sell off two or three blocks by moving only two native houses. This is a matter that can be taken up better with the maps and surveys that I have made. The Arctic Brotherhood made us an offer for approximately four acres of land five-eights of a mile out of town, and as the property they desire will never be ~~valuable~~ available for lots, and as their good will is an asset to be considered, I would advise the sale to them of the property selected, provided no part of it encroaches upon the surveyed right of way of the projected railroad.

The following persons are in part or in whole located upon our land?

Church Members.

George Kenney. A very decent native; house a poor shack not at present occupied.

James Brown. A rather indifferent church member with a good Christian wife; not very industrious. Foundation to house only.

Sam Jackson. A church member and industrious native; rather decent house.

Mrs. Mary Gibson. A woman with a very decent family; tar paper shack, very poor property.

Jim Young. A good native and a very decent house.

Jim King. A member of Mr. Falconer's church and a good native. Uses the house only during the fishing season, and would probably, therefore, move to a new location without much objection, although at the present time he holds a ~~native~~ indefinite's lease.

George Casco. A good native and a good shingle roofed house; the only one of them all that is painted.

Non-Church Members.

Andrew Jackson. Not a very good native; house very poor shack not occupied at present.

Dave Klaynot. A very decent native; house not yet completed.

Thomas Andrews. Not a very good native; very poor shack.

Whites occupying houses on our land at Haines.

Town fire house. I very temporary building. The town owns a lot on which they expect eventually to erect a permanent building.

Thomas Lahey. A blacksmith shop. Lahey has repeatedly refused to sign a lease, and for this and other reasons should be ejected.

John Fairfield. A squaw man and not in all ways a desirable tenant. Although a drinker he is rather industrious and a good provider for his family. His children attend our Sabbath

school. If the other whites ~~squaws~~ are put off I do not think we can overlook Fairfield.

James Merritt. An old man, a college graduate and a man of great intelligence and well read. Looks like a second rate tramp. Will probably fight removal. He has a wretched shack, really little more than a hovel, located almost in front of the hospital building, and between it and the road. He certainly should be ejected.

Public school house. A fairly good building but inadequate to the needs of the town. A larger building is being talked of, but until that is built I can see no objection to the present occupancy. Were we to insist upon its removal we would antagonize the entire town.

J. M. Behrend Mercantile Company. They occupy a dilapidated series of shacks on the most desirable corner of our property and the most desirable corner in town. The buildings are an eyesore and should be removed as soon as the present lease expires, July 31, 1915. They are paying at the present time ground rent of $40. per year.

The strip of land belonging to us, lying between the road and the beach, is used by every one to store old boats, old machinery, lumber and all sorts of junk. No one ever thinks of asking permission, and Mr. McLean would like to be instructed to have all the stuff removed. As it is about the only available beach, this would work a great deal of hardship, and I fear that

Mr. McLean's anxiety to be instructed is due to the fact that Mr. Martin, Mr. McIntosh's son-in-law, is the worst offendor. Mr. McLean and Mr. Martin are very poor friends. I would suggest, however, that Mr. McLean be instructed to notify parties storing things upon our beach, that they cannot use our land for this purpose in the future, unless permission be given, and that as fast as possible we would like to have the material upon it removed. We could in this way control matters somewhat without antagonizing the town people, who have always been in the hABIT of using the beach to haul their boats upon for the winter, sometimes leaving them there for several years at a time.

All parties allowed to use any portion of our land should do so under lease, and if they refuse to sign leases they should be ejected promptly. One ejection would be all that would be needed, and the others would go without prowess of the law.

It seems to me, also, that the natives cutting our timber, for the purpose of sale or for any other use, should be prosecuted. It took Mr. McLean and myself several days to catch a native in the act, as they are very acute of hearing and soft of foot, and while several times we came upon their handiwork, it was not until the day before I left that we caught a man red handed. He was one of the"bad" natives and would have been an excellent one to have made an example of, but I did not feel justified in instructing Mr. McLean to proceed against him as there is always the possibility of such an act exciting the entire native village, and in this way in some degree injuring

our work. We cannot, however, permit wholesale destruction of timber to go on, and Mr. McLean is of opinion that while it might make a disturbance for a short time everything would soon cool down. Our own natives, i. e. church members and church going natives, never cut timber without ~~without~~ asking permission, and Mr. McLean only gives permission to remove fallen timber, which is, of course, an advantage to the standing timber. Mr. McLean would like to have sent to him notices signed by the officers of the Board forbidding trespassing and cutting of wood. These he would post in plain sight all along the Boundary line, and he thinks the effect would be good. It might be worth trying.

W. B. Adams

April 25, 1913.